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Youth Services Minutes 02/25/2004

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF YOUTH SERVICES

670R Massachusetts Avenue Arlington, Massachusetts 02476 P: 781-316-3255 F: 781-316-3261 Donna Dolan, Chair Mary Deyst, Vice Chair www.town.arlington.ma.us

> MINUTES Wednesday, February 25, 2004

Present: Donna Dolan, chair; Mary Deyst, vice chair; Carlene Newell; Gene Lucarelli; Larry Greco; Cindy Sheridan; Elizabeth Oppedisano, ex officio; Patsy Kraemer, ex- officio.

Absent: Jack Bowler, Elaine Shea, Jeannette Mills, Joan Robbio, Dave McKenna, Dorothy Williams.

Guest: Barbara Goodman

- 1) Chair Donna Dolan welcomed Barbara Goodman to the meeting. Barbara is a sitting school committee person and also a representative of "Stand for Children."
- 2) Minutes of the January 28, 2004, meeting were approved. Moved by Larry Greco, seconded by Gene Lucarelli, unanimous vote.
- 3) Stand for Children Barbara Goodman gave an overview of the Stand for Children organization. She is starting an Arlington Chapter. The national organization started in 1999 by Marion Wright Edelman. The mission is to make children a priority both locally and nationally. Stand for Children is a lobbying group, espousing that the needs of children be addressed. Barbara is working to establish an Arlington chapter. The kick-off rally will be March 28, 3-5 pm. She would like the support of the Board of Youth Services and encouraged members to join the new chapter.
- 4) Communications:
 - *Letter from MLK Committee, thanking us for our support.
 - *Request from Fidelity House for support. We will send \$100.
 - *Thank you from Mike McCabe Thompson for three scholarships.
 - *Letter from Nancy Galkowski
 - *Nomination request from Arlington Boys & Girls Club.
- 5) Long range planning:

The subcommittee on needs assessment will meet before the next meeting – the committee members are Donna, Larry, Carlene, Cindy, and Patry

A second subcommittee was formed, consisting of Dorothy, Cindy, Mary, Gene, (and hopefully Joan Robbio). This subcommittee will meet with school personnel. That meeting will be set up later this spring. Patsy reported that the contract work with the schools is going

6) Meeting adjourned at 7:40 – moved by Mary Deyst, seconded by Gene Lucarelli, unanimous vote.